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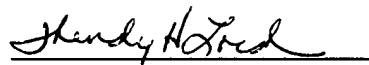
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed October 10, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below.

Please add after the last claims page an Abstract of the Disclosure as follows:

--ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Disclosed are methods and devices which comprise providing a laser beam having a pre-defined shape along a beam axis and exposing a plurality of corneal regions to a plurality of asymmetrical laser beam subportions to affect

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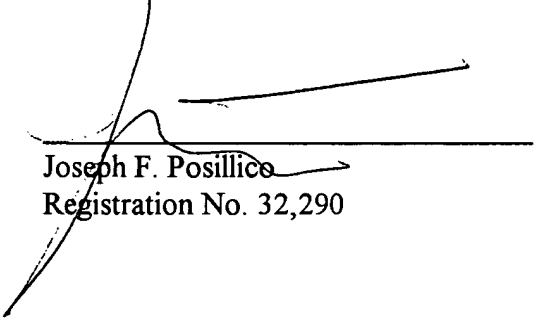
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the shape of said cornea without introducing any substantial asymmetry to the
shape of said cornea. --

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